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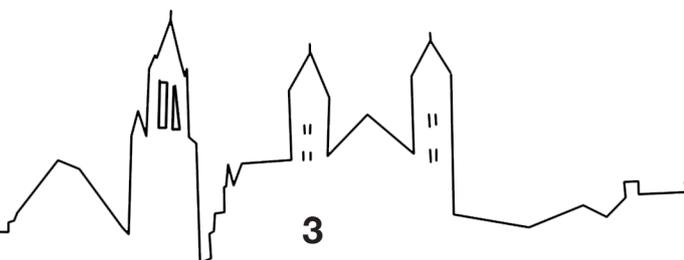
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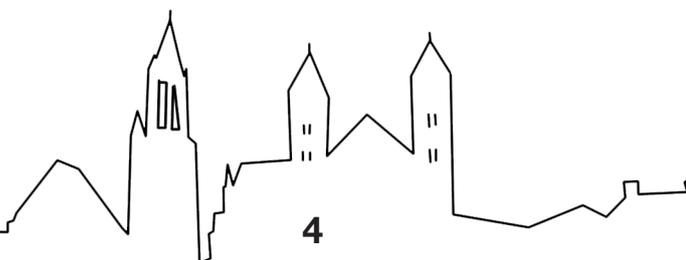
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1. EuroMUN Goes Green

Sustainability is a big aspect of the EuroMUN's Secretariat vision and it has been the main focus of the Logistics team. Conferences tend to excessively contribute to the non-recycled waste of paper, although this seems to be in clear contradiction to the general objectives of educating the new generation for the sake of a better future. In fact, EuroMUN 2018 will try (and strive) to go green. However, it must be kept in mind, that being sustainable is a process and it definitely does not happen with the blink of an eye. EuroMUN 2018 opened the way, and we can only hope to grow more sustainable in the future editions.

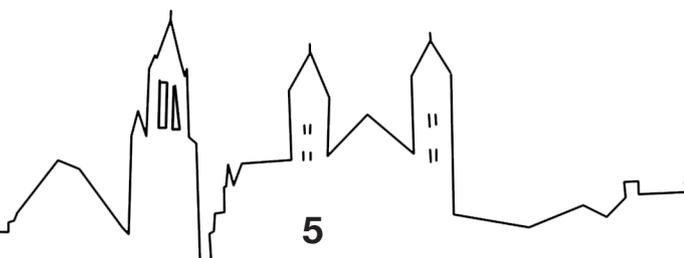
For its 2018 edition EuroMUN has specifically chosen easily accessible locations for the conference and the socials. All located in the center of Maastricht, they can be reached by bus from the conference and Maastricht's area. The secretariat suggests the bus line 62 for Muziekgieterij, 10 for La Bonbonnière or 1 for Complex which run between the respective locations and the conference venue. Moreover, all locations are within walking distance from Maastricht's train stations and have bike parking facilities. All the venues have been selected for their attendee capacity, meaning they can all hold between 500 and 600 people maximum, which is suitable for the number of attendees without wasting energy. As of 2016, the MECC, the main venue for the conference has signed a Maastrichts Energie Akkoord aiming *"to install roof sun panels, replace internal lighting with energy-efficient LED throughout the entire complex, to ensure sustainable construction works and achieve Green Key certification at the highest level (gold)"* and become environmentally neutral by 2030. Furthermore, recycling bins will be available at all the venues to insure sustainable practices are being put in place. This is also translated in our choice of caterers. During the conference, attendees will be served coffee and meals provided by Maison Van Den Boer which is committed to reducing food waste and using local and sustainable suppliers. EuroMUN has insured that the amount of food available matches the number of attendees to limit waste, as well as food preference which will take into consideration Halal, Kosher, vegetarian or vegan diets. All of the above engagements were shared with The FoodConvoy which will supply the food for the May 10th social. Moreover, Muziekgieterij were two socials are located supplies locally crafted beers. EuroMUN



is engaged in using reusable and/ or recyclable service ware during the duration of the conference.

Further information can be found on the following websites:

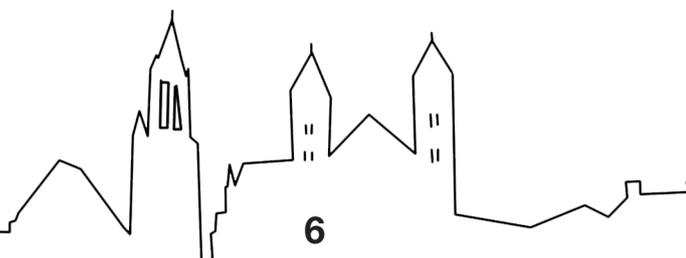
- The MECC: <https://www.mecc.nl/en/>
- Maastricht Convention Bureau: <https://maastrichtconventionbureau.com>
- Muziekgieterij: <http://www.muziekgieterij.nl/>
- Maison Van Den Boer: <http://www.maisonvandenboer.com/>
- The FoodConvoy: <http://www.thefoodconvoy.com/>
- Maastricht Bereikbaar: <https://www.maastrichtbereikbaar.nl/en/public-transport/>



2. In practice, what does this mean?

Below you can find some things that be done differently than the standard MUN:

- EuroMUN will provide its participants with no paper. If you would like to pass notes and you really need paper, you can bring your own. However, please keep in mind that there are other ways to communicate with your fellow delegates that to pass around paper notes.
- EuroMUN encourages the use of technology. Bring a laptop/ tablet of whatever you are comfortable working on (don't forget the extension cable and the charger!). However, please make sure you use this technology in a responsible way that is not destructive to the debate.
- You will not be given a delegates' booklet as you can find all the information on the EuroMUN App. Download it! There you will find all that you need to know.
- The GreenOffice of Maastricht University will be involved. They will be present at the registration desk, with all the other sponsors and they will give a speech at the opening ceremony.
- The Gas and Oil Producers will be involved as well. It is hypocritical to say that we are trying to solve a problem, without speaking to the ones who are part of it.
- Water will be provided from jars which will be refilled at the tap. You guys will be placed in shift to make sure that the carafes are always full.



3. What can you do?

A. Recycle your waste

For good measure recycling has to be mentioned although everybody should know about the benefits for our planet by now. - Just do it. You have plastic waste? Find a trash bin for plastic. Paper waste? Let's look for a trash bin that says paper or, in Dutch, papier.

B. Eat less meat

Get yourself a delicious sweet potato, veggie or portobello burrito at With Love Burrito (Markt 4) or a vegetarian/vegan bagel at Bagels & Beans (Wycker Brugstraat 31) or SAP (Stationsstraat 8) during EuroMUN and reduce your water consumption, CO2 and Methane emissions and rainforest deforestation one meal at a time.

C. Take your new tote bag shopping

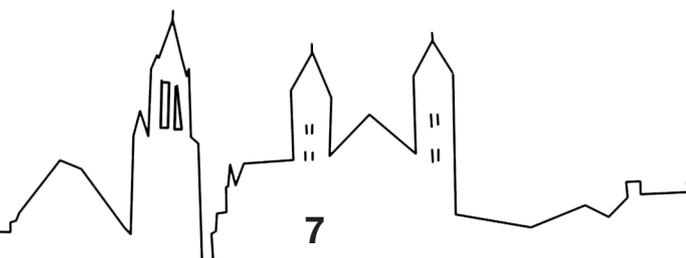
Say no to plastic bags and take your new EuroMUN tote bag to your next shopping spree. If you want it to be more individual or stylish, think about letting your new EuroMUN friends sign it or draw something fun on it. A great way to forever remember this awesome weekend you spent in Maastricht in May 2018 while saving our environment.

D. Save the water by drinking alcohol

No seriously, we know that alcohol beverages consist of water too, but go for a local beer while in a new country. We know your favorite beer is just the best and it is easier and more convenient to go with the familiar beer choice but you (and the environment) can only gain - new taste and cultural experience, usually cheaper, less CO2 emissions through shorter transportation ways, etc.

E. Take public transport

Yes, you have to stick to a schedule (if you're lucky the busses/trains are sticking to it as well!) but with a little planning and maybe 10 mins more, you can make a huge contribution to a more sustainable world. And who knows, maybe you might even meet the love of your life under all your fellow sustainability-conscious



F. Bring a refillable water bottle/your own coffee cup

6.5 million trees are cut down every year, 4 billion gallons of water are wasted and energy enough to power 54,000 homes is wasted every year to produce the oh so convenient paper coffee cups. Bring your own reusable coffee cup next time and you might even get a discount at some coffee shops (e.g. at some Starbucks you get a 25ct discount and at Pret A Manger you even get a 50ct discount).

G. Pack light

Especially in the plane every kilo counts so think twice about every item you want to pack (except that one extra pair of undies in case you have an “accident” - let’s keep that childhood tradition). Also, traveling with only a hand luggage can save you lots of money that you can invest in local food and beer at your destination.

